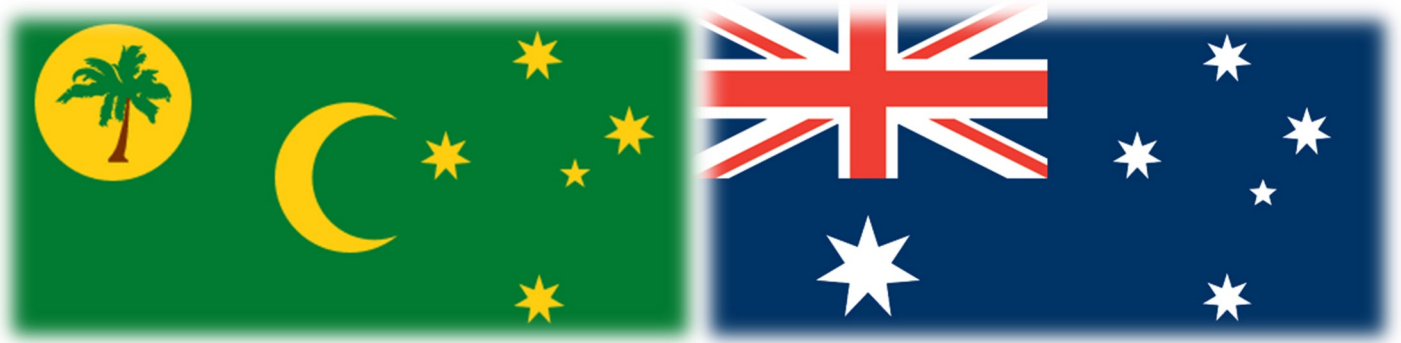


# “THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th December 2023 – Thursday 1st February 2024



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls—situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin — and is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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**International Day of People with Disability hosted by the Shire of CKI. Games, food and brainstorming!**



**The CRC had a friendly visitor at work. Mr Spider saying Hi to Muslihah, Hafsa and Almira.**



**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!**



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On behalf of the CRC Committee and Staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024.

We will be closed on the following days

- Monday 25th December
- Tuesday 26th December
- Monday 1st January



### Rainfall Stats

Latest to  
**15 December 2023:**

December Statistics  
4.2mm  
*(not accurate)*

Latest 2023 Statistics:  
**1239.8mm**  
*(not accurate)*



### LATEST WEATHER

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### Emergency Contact List

AFP	9162 6600
VHF	Ch20
IOTHS WI Clinic	9162 6655
IOTHS HI Clinic	9162 7609
	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	9162 7788
DFES WI	9162 7777
VMRS	VHF Ch20
Shire HI	9162 6649
Watercorp	9162 6722

### Thumbs Up

- 👍 Thank you Shire for hosting the International Day of People with Disability event.
- 👍 To Cocos Club for hosting another successful Movember!
- 👍 To

Feel free to email your thumbs up to the CRC for inclusion.

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## CEO update

### From the Acting CEO's Desk 15 December 2023

Greetings everyone and thank you for joining us for the latest edition of the Atoll.

During the Chief Executive Officer's absence on leave from 1 December to 18 December 2023, I am serving as the Acting Chief Executive Officer for this duration.

In alignment with the CEO's update in November 2023, we would like to emphasise the importance of staying vigilant in light of potential adverse weather conditions such as tropical lows and cyclones. It is crucial to take this timely reminder seriously and ensure that you are well-prepared. Now is the opportune moment to double check the readiness of your cyclone kit and familiarise yourself with the necessary steps to take, as well as identify safe locations in the event of adverse weather that may pose a risk to you and/or your property.

Within the ongoing series of daily meetings involving our staff, interactions with the local community, and engagements with various Commonwealth and State Government agencies, along with their staff and visitors to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the notable highlights for this month's report are as follows:

- The CEO held a meeting with Cocos Island Cooperative Manager, Ron Grant, to explore collaborative efforts in planning a joint venture. The objective is to have the Co-op and Shire work together to facilitate the removal of the 'old mosque' from the Home Island mosque site. This joint initiative involves the Co-op handling the asbestos removal and bundling process, while the Shire would oversee its transportation to the mainland for secure deep burial.
- The CEO engaged in a discussion with Tim Francis, Department of Water and Environmental Regulations to cover various aspects, including water lenses, waste disposal methods, waste burial considerations, and the broader waste management strategy tailored for the Indian Ocean Territories.
- On 9 November 2023, the CEO conducted an open community meeting on West Island to address the ongoing boat ramp issues. While attendance was not as high as in the previous meeting, the discussions were constructive, resulting in the following outcomes:
  - The Shire will continue maintaining the panels on the temporary ramp as needed.
  - Sandbags at the Rumah Baru ramp will be removed, allowing us to observe natural sand movement.
  - The Shire will assess the impact of the MOF on the Rumah Baru ramp before deciding on a new ramp at Mahoon Rd. Alternatively, if the community

expresses interest, we will develop a detailed project plan for a new boat ramp at Mahoon Road.

- The Shire has commenced works to remove coconut trees at the temporary ramp, creating a functional car and trailer park.
  - We will continue to advocate with WA Transport for funding to upgrade the West Island boat ramp.
  - An assessment will be conducted on the ramp behind the Met Station to explore possibilities for making it operative.
- Following its ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 13 December 2023, Council formally requested an amendment to the Act of Self Determination Day (ASDD) public holiday date in 2024 and submitted the request for amendment to the IOT Administrator.

The ASDD held significance for our community, and as we approached its 40th anniversary on 6 April 2024, we recognised an opportunity for increased community involvement. In an effort to better align with community preferences and facilitate more extensive participation, we proposed moving the public holiday to 29 April 2024.

This change also considered the proximity to Ramadan, respecting the cultural importance of this period for many residents. By adjusting the public holiday, our aim was to create a more inclusive environment, enabling residents to fully engage in both ASDD celebrations and Ramadan observances.

We value your input on this matter and invite you to share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. Keep an eye out, as Shire staff will soon release a community announcement seeking your views on the proposed amendment to the Act of Self Determination Day public holiday date.

As we bid farewell to the last CEO update of the year, I want to convey heartfelt wishes from the elected members and our dedicated staff. May the festive season bring you joy, warmth, and cherished moments. Finally, as we step into the New Year, may it unfold with new possibilities and successes for everyone. Thank you for your continued support, and we eagerly anticipate the journey that awaits us in the upcoming year. Happy holidays and a fantastic New Year ahead.

Until next time, if anyone wishes to discuss anything related to local government, please feel free to give us a call on (08) 9162 6649 or drop by the office. We are here to assist and always welcome the opportunity to engage with the community.

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## CEO update

### Dari Meja Acting CEO 15 December 2023

Salam semua dan terima kasih kerana mengikut kami untuk Atoll edisi terkini.

Semasa Chief Executive Officer bercuti dari 1 hari bulan December hingga 18 hari bulan December 2023, saya ditugaskan sebagai Acting Chief Executive Officer untuk masa ini.

Mensamakan dengan berita Chief Executive Officer pada November 2023, kami ingin tegaskan kepentingan supaya sentiasa berhati-hati terhadap kemungkinan keadaan cuaca buruk seperti tropical low dan seklon. Adalah penting untuk mengambil berat dengan peringatan pada masanya dan memastikan anda telah bersedia. Sekarang adalah masa yang sesuai untuk peresa kembali kesediaan kit seklon anda dan membiasakan diri dengan langkah-langkah yang perlu diambil, sebaik mengenal pasti tempat yang selamat sekiranya berlaku cuaca buruk yang bahaya kepada anda dan/atau properti anda.

Dengan miting harian yang berterusan yang melibatkan perkerja Konsel, interaksi dengan masyarakat, dan penglibatan dengan beberapa agensi Commonwealth dan State Government, bersama pekerja mereka dan turis-turis ke Pulu Cocos (Keeling), tujuan penting untuk repot bulan ini adalah seperti berikut:

- CEO mengadakan miting dengan Manager Kongsi Pulu Cocos, Ron Grant, untuk mencari usaha rencana bekerja sama. Tujuannya adalah untuk meminta Kongsi dan Konsel bekerjasama untuk merombak 'masjid lama' di Kampong. Inisiatif bersama ini melibatkan Kongsi menguruskan proses menyabut asbestos, sementara Konsel akan mengawasi menguruskan penghantaran ke tanah besar untuk di tanam dengan cara yang selamat.
- CEO terlibat dalam perbincangan dengan Tim Francis, Department of Water and Environmental Regulations untuk merangkumi pelbagai aspek, termasuk lens air, cara pembuangan sampah, pertimbangan penanaman sampah, dan strategi pengurusan sampah yang lebih luas yang disesuaikan untuk Indian Ocean Territories.
- Pada 9 hari bulan November 2023, Chief Executive Officer adakan miting untuk masyarakat Pulu Panjang untuk bincangkan masalah boat ramp. Walaupun tidak banyak orang seperti miting sebelumnya, perbincangan yang diadakan adalah berguna, menghasilkan hasil yang berikut:
  - Konsel akan terus menjaga panel di ramp seperti yang diperlukan.
  - Sandbag di ramp Rumah Baru akan di angkat, membolehkan kami untuk memperhatikan pergerakan pasir.
  - Konsel akan menilai kesan MOF ke atas ramp Rumah Baru sebelum memutuskan ramp baru di Mahood Rd. Sebagai alternatif, jika masyarakat

menunjukkan minat, kami akan membuat plan projek untuk boat ramp baru di Mahood Rd.

- Konsel telah memulahkan kerja untuk mencabut pokok kelapa di ramp pinjaman, membuat tempat untuk letak kereta dan treler.
  - Kami akan terus mintak bantuan dengan WA Transport untuk funding membaguskan boat ramp Pulu Panjang.
  - Penilaian akan dijalankan di ramp di belakang Stesen Met untuk mencari kemungkinan untuk menjadikannya beroperasi.
- Selepas miting yang diadakan pada hari Rabu, 13 hari bulan December 2023, Konsel secara rasmi meminta menukar haribulan publik holiday Hari Tiga Pilihan (ASDD) pada 2024 dan diserahkan permintaan untuk menukar kepada IOT Administrator.

ASDD mempunyai kepentingan untuk masyarakat kami, dan semasa kami menghampiri ulang tahun ke 40 pada 6 hari bulan 2024, kami menyedari peluang untuk meningkatkan penglibatan masyarakat. Dalam usaha untuk menyelaraskan dengan pilihan masyarakat yang lebih baik dan memudahkan penyertaan yang lebih luas, kami mencadangkan publik holiday ditukar ke 29 hari bulan 2024.

Perubahan ini juga mempertimbangkan kedekatannya dengan Ramadan, dan menghormati kepentingan budaya ini untuk banyak penduduk. Dengan menukar publik holiday, tujuan kami adalah untuk membuat suasana yang lebih bersamaan, membolehkan penduduk untuk terlibat sepenuhnya dalam kedua-dua perayaan ASDD dan perayaan Ramadan.

Kami menghargai pendapat anda mengenai perkara ini dan kami menjemput anda untuk berkongsi pendapat, kebimbangan dan cadangan anda. Berjaga – jaga, kerana pekerja Konsel tidak lama lagi akan mengeluarkan pengumuman masyarakat meminta pandangan anda tentang cadangan untuk menukar hari bulan publik holiday Hari Tiga Pilihan.

Saat kami mengucapkan selamat tinggal kepada berita CEO yang terakhir untuk tahun ini, saya ingin sampaikan ucapan ikhlas dari komiti Konsel dan pekerja kami yang berdedikasi. Semoga musim perayaan membawa anda kegembiraan, kemesraan, dan saat yang berharga. Akhirnya, saat kami masuk Tahun Baru, semoga tahun ini terbuka dengan kemungkinan dan kejayaan untuk semua orang. Terima kasih atas sokongan anda yang berterusan, dan kami menantikan perjalanan yang menentukan kami pada tahun yang akan datang. Selamat bercuti dan Tahun Baru yang hebat.

Sampai jumpa lagi, jika ada yang ingin membincangkan apa-apa yang berkaitan dengan Lokal Government, sila hubungi kami dinomor (08) 9162 6649 atau datang ke opis. Kami di sini untuk membantu dan sentiasa menyambut kesempatan untuk melibatkan diri dengan masyarakat.

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



### CHRISTMAS AND END OF YEAR OPENING HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Residents of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands,

As we approach the festive season, we would like to inform you of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands' opening hours during the Christmas and New Year period. Please take note of the following schedule:

- Monday, 25 December 2023: CLOSED (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday, 26 December 2023: CLOSED (Public Holiday)
- Wednesday, 27 December 2023: OPEN
- Thursday, 28 December 2023: OPEN
- Friday, 29 December 2023: OPEN
- Monday, 01 January 2024: CLOSED (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday, 02 January 2024: OPEN (Normal operating hours)

We hope this information assists you in planning your visits to the Shire offices during this period. On behalf of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, we extend our warmest wishes to the entire Cocos community for a safe and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### PENGUMUMAN JAM BUKAK MASA KRISMAS DAN UJUNG TAHUN

Kepada penduduk Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling),

Saat kami mendekati musim perayaan, kami ingin kasitau jam buka Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling) semasa tempoh Krismas dan Tahun Baru. Sila ambil perhatian jadual yang berikut:

- Senin, 25 December 2023: TUTUP (Publik Holiday)
- Selasa, 26 December 2023: TUTUP (Publik Holiday)
- Rabu, 27 December 2023: BUKAK
- Khamis, 28 December 2023: BUKAK
- Jumaat, 29 December 2023: BUKAK
- Senin, 01 January 2024: TUTUP (Publik Holiday)
- Selasa, 02 January 2024: BUKAK (Seperti jam biasa)

Kami harap informasi ini dapat membantu anda jika ingin datang di opis Konsel. Bagi pihak Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling), kami mengucapkan masyarakat Pulu Cocos supaya mendapat Krismas yang selamat dan meria dan Selamat Tahun Baru!

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



### END OF YEAR PUBLIC HOLIDAY WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

Dear Residents of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands,

As we approach the end of the year, please be aware of the following changes to our waste management schedule during the upcoming public holidays:

#### **Transfer Stations Closed:**

- Monday, 25 December 2023
- Tuesday, 26 December 2023
- Monday, 01 January 2024

#### **Waste and Recycling Collection Changes:**

- Monday, 25 December 2023 – No collection
- Tuesday, 26 December 2023 – No Collection
- Wednesday, 27 December 2023 – Waste collection on both islands
- Thursday, 28 December 2023 – Recycling Collection on West Island
- Friday, 29 December 2023 – Waste collection on Home Island
- Monday, 01 January 2024 – No Collection
- Tuesday, 02 January 2024 – Waste collection on both islands

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire on 9162 6649 or email the Shire's Environment Officer, Thomas Battcher at [thomas.battcher@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:thomas.battcher@cocos.wa.gov.au)

Thank you for your cooperation, and we wish you a wonderful and waste-free holiday season!

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



### MASA PENGURUSAN SAMPAH UNTUK PUBLIK HOLIDAY UJUNG TAHUN

Kepada penduduk Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling),

Saat kami menghampiri ujung tahun, sila ambil perhatian dengan perubahan yang berikut untuk masa pengurusan sampah semasa publik holiday yang akan datang:

#### **Tempat Sampah Ditutup:**

- Senin, 25 December 2023
- Selasa, 26 December 2023
- Senin, 01 January 2024

#### **Perubahan Angkatan Sampah dan Recycling:**

- Senin, 25 December 2023 – Tidak ada angkatan sampah
- Selasa, 26 December 2023 – Tidak ada angkatan sampah
- Rabu, 27 December 2023 – Angkatan sampah di Kampong dan Pulu Panjang
- Khamis, 28 December 2023 – Angkatan recycling di Pulu Panjang
- Jumaat, 29 December 2023 – Angkatan sampah di Kampong
- Senin, 01 January 2024 – Tidak ada angkatan sampah
- Selasa, 02 January 2024 – Angkatan sampah di Kampong dan Pulu Panjang

Jika anda ada pertanyaan atau perlukan bantuan lebih lanjut, jangan ragu untuk menghubungi Konsel di nomor 9162 6649 atau emel Environment Officer, Thomas Battcher di [thomas.battcher@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:thomas.battcher@cocos.wa.gov.au).

Terima kasih atas kerja sama anda, dan semoga anda mendapat cuti yang indah dan bebas dari sampah!

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS – RESIDENT FURTHER EDUCATION

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are being called for the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands Funding Contributions Resident Further Education program for study undertaken in Semester 2 of 2023.

A copy of the Shires policy along with the application form can be obtained from the Shire office or alternatively downloaded from the Shire website <http://www.shire.cc> Applications are to be received by 4:00pm Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Submissions can be handed in at the Shire office, posted or emailed to:

*Community Development Coordinator  
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
PO Box 1094, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, WA 6799  
Adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au*

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Shire during office hours on 9162 6649.

### SUMBANGAN DUIT BANTUAN – PELAJARAN LANJUT UNTUK PENDUDUK

#### PANGGILAN UNTUK MEMOHON

*Surat permohonan dipanggil untuk program Sumbangan Duit Bantuan Shire Pulu Cocos (Keeling) – Pelajaran Lanjut untuk Penduduk.*

*Salinan policy Shire bersama form permohonan boleh didapat dari opis Shire atau boleh di download dari website Shire <http://www.shire.cc>. Surat permohonan mesti diterima sebelum jam 4 soreh pada Hari Jumaat 22 December 2023. Surat mesti dimasukkan ke opis Shire, dikirim atau di emel kepada:*

*Community Development Coordinator  
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
PO Box 1094, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, WA 6799  
Adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au*

*Keterangan selanjutnya boleh telipon Shire dimasa kerjaan dinomor 9162 6649.*



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### ANNOUNCEMENT: SEEKING COMMUNITY VIEWS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ACT OF SELF DETERMINATION DAY (ASDD) PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATE

Dear residents of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands,

The Shire would like to inform you about a proposal under consideration regarding the designated date of the 2024 Act of Self Determination Day Public Holiday. Currently set for 8 April 2024, the Shire is exploring the possibility of shifting the date to 29 April 2024.

The primary objective behind this proposed adjustment is to better align with community preferences and ensure broader participation in the commemorative events planned for this significant occasion. This adjustment also takes into consideration the proximity to Ramadan, acknowledging the cultural significance of this period for many members of our community. By moving the public holiday, we aim to create a more inclusive environment that allows residents to fully engage in both ASDD celebrations and Ramadan observances.

Your views on this matter are important to us, and we invite you to share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.

To gather community feedback, send us an email to the Community Development Coordinator, Adim Hajat at [adim.hajat@cocos.wa.qo.au](mailto:adim.hajat@cocos.wa.qo.au) with your thoughts on the proposed date amendment.

We encourage every community member to take part in this process to ensure that the decision made reflects the collective preferences of our residents. Your feedback will be crucial in shaping the final decision.

The deadline for submitting your views is Friday, 29 December 2023 and we will consider all input received before making any decisions.

Thank you for your active participation and commitment to our community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### PENGUMUMAN: Mencari Pandangan Masyarakat Mengenai Cadangan Perubahan Hari Bulan Publik Holiday Untuk Hari Tiga Pilihan (ASDD)

Kepada penduduk Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling),

Konsel ingin kasitau tentang cadangan yang sedang dicadangkan berkenaan pertukaran hari bulan untuk Publik Holiday Hari Tiga Pilihan 2024. Pada masa ini jatohnya pada 6 hari bulan April 2024, Konsel sedang mencari kemungkinan untuk tukar hari bulannya kepada 29 hari bulan April 2024.

Tujuan utama di sebalik cadangan pertukaran ini adalah untuk mensamakan dengan pilihan masyarakat dan memastikan penyertaan yang lebih luas dalam perancangan peringatan yang penting ini. Penyusunan ini juga mengambil kira dekatnya dengan Ramadan, mengakui pentingnya budaya ini untuk masyarakat. Dengan menukar publik holiday, tujuan kami adalah untuk membuat suasana yang lebih bersamaan, membolehkan penduduk untuk terlibat sepenuhnya dalam kedua-dua perayaan ASDD dan perayaan Ramadan.

Pandangan anda tentang ini adalah penting bagi kami, dan kami menjemput anda untuk berkongsi fikiran, kebimbangan dan cadangan anda.

Untuk mengumpul pendapat dari masyarakat, kirim emel kepada Community Development Coordinator, Adim Hajat di [adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au) dengan pendapat anda tentang pertukaran hari bulan yang dicadangkan.

Kami menggalakkan setiap warga masyarakat untuk mengambil bahagian dalam proses ini untuk memastikan keputusan yang dibuat mencerminkan pilihan penduduk kami. Pendapat anda sangat penting dalam menentukan keputusan akhir.

Batas waktu untuk menyerahkan pandangan anda ialah hari Jumaat, 29 hari bulan December 2023 dan kami akan memandangi semua pandangan yang diterima sebelum membuat keputusan.

Terima kasih atas penyertaan aktif dan komitmen anda terhadap masyarakat kami. Kami menantikan kabar dari anda.

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASING OPPORTUNITY

#### PART LOT 18 HOME ISLAND RETAIL CENTRE

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is seeking Expression of Interest from the community for retail spaces that has become available.

Details of the leasing opportunity is as follows:

Lease Area:	Suitable Use:	Lease Value:
Tenancy 3: Approximately 18sqm	Retail Shop	\$2,250.00pa
Tenancy 4: Kitchen Area Approximately: 86sqm Restaurant area Approximately: 125sqm	Kitchen & Restaurant	To be determined
Tenancy 5: Approximately 28sqm	Retail Shop	\$2600.00pa
Tenancy 6: Approximately 35sqm	Retail Shop	\$3,500.00pa

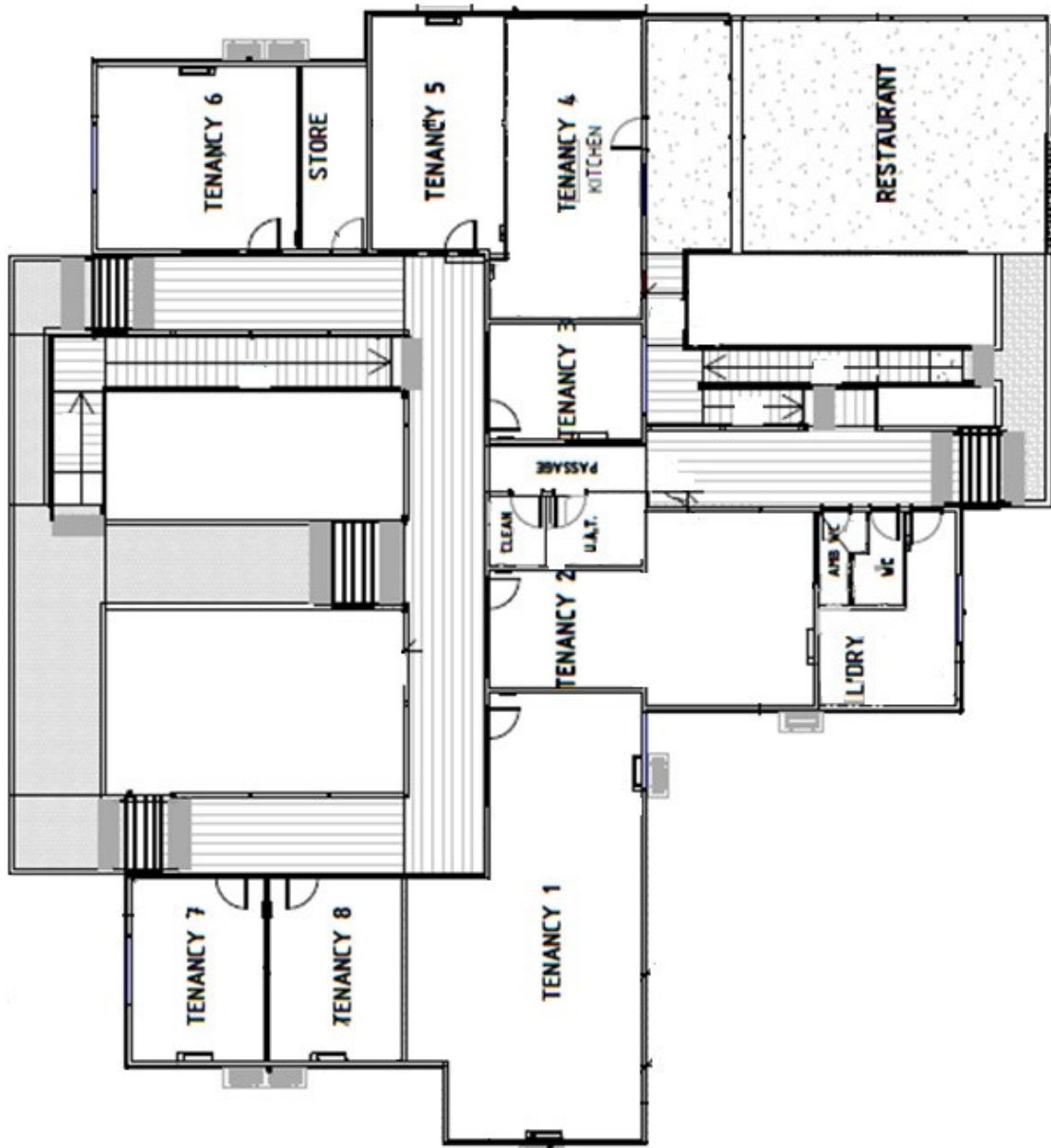
To request an expression of interest form or for further clarification, please email Suzie Bulka, Leasing Officer at [suzie.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:suzie.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au).

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the Leasing Officer, Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands via email to [suzie.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:suzie.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au) or PO Box 1094, Home Island, Cocos Keeling Islands, WA, 6799 by **Tuesday 2 January 2024**.

Please mark your proposal: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PART LOT 18 HI RETAIL CENTRE – TENANCY # – RETAIL SHOP.

Frank Mills  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Part Lot 18 HI Retail Centre Precinct Tenancy Layout





## Australia Day Awards 2024

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Island invites you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for the 2024 Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands Australia Day Award to be presented at the Australia Day celebration on Friday 26th January at Direction Island.

The award fosters, recognises and celebrates significant contributions to community life and active citizenship on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The award promotes national pride, community responsibility and participation.

### Guidelines and Criteria

This year there are Four (4) Categories – Teen Award, Community Group Award, Community Member Award and Seniors Award. Only a local citizen or a local community group will be eligible for the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands Australia Day Award. The recipient will be selected for a person or a group who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

### Selection Criteria

The winner will have:

- Teen Award (must be under 17 years old)
- Shown active citizenship;
- Made a significant contribution to the local community;
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life;
- Brought about positive change and added value to community life; and
- Demonstrated inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees should reside or work principally within the Cocos (Keeling) Islands;
- The award may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements;
- A group of people or a couple will not normally be eligible except when meeting the criteria for a community group;
- A person may receive an award on more than one occasion in recognition of their particularly outstanding community contribution or involvement in an alternative initiative;
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years; and
- Their contribution should be outside the scope of their paid employment.

### Nomination Process

Nomination forms are available by contacting Adim at the Shire Office on 91626649 or email [adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au)

Submit your nominations to the CEO at the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Shire Office or via email to [frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au) by 4.00pm Monday 4th of January 2024.



## Indian Ocean Territories Cocos Keeling Islands Australia Day Award 2024

Title ..... Given Names ..... Surname .....

Group (if applicable) .....

Address .....

Telephone (Home) ..... (Work) .....

**REASONS FOR NOMINATION (Teen Award, Community Member Award, Community Group Award or Senior Award Category)**

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**HOW HAS THE NOMINEE DEMONSTRATED ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND ENHANCEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE?**

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*Please attach additional information if required*

**HOW HAS THE NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION BEEN RECOGNISED ELSEWHERE?**

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**NOMINATOR**

Name ..... Address .....

Suburb/Town ..... State ..... Postcode .....

Telephone (Home) ..... (Work) ..... Email .....

**OTHER WILLING TO SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION**

Name ..... Address .....

Suburb/Town ..... State ..... Postcode .....

Telephone (Home) ..... (Work) ..... Email .....

**Submit your nominations to the CEO at the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Shire Office or via email to [frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au) by 4.00pm Monday 4th January 2024.**

Nomination Form





## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### ATOLL DISTRIBUTION

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Cocos Keeling Islands and Community Resource Centre is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic young person/s to take on the role of distributing The Atoll each fortnight on Home and West Island during 2024. This is a great opportunity to gain some extra cash!

Please forward your interest with the approval from parents to Azia Bulka at the Shire Office on Home Island or via email at [azia.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:azia.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au), by Monday 08 January 2024.

### PEMBAGIAN ATOLL

*Konsel Pulu Cocos dan Cocos Keeling Islands Community Resource Centre sedang mencari anak mudah yang bersungguh-sungguh dan bersemangat untuk menjalankan pembagian surat kabar Atoll di Home Island dan Pulu Panjang setiap dua minggu sekali semasa 2024. Ini adalah peluang baik untuk mendapatkan duit tambahan!*

*Silahkan hantar surat keminatan anda dengan izin dari ibubapak kepada Mak Nabiya di Opis Konsel di Kampong atau melalui emel di [azia.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:azia.bulka@cocos.wa.gov.au), paling lambat hari Senin 08hb January 2024.*

Frank Mills  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



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### Notice of Annual Electors General Meeting

In accordance with *Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CKI)* a general meeting of the electors of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is to be held once every financial year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 January 2024, starting at 4pm, at the Home Island Council Chamber, Lot 256 Jalan Bunga Melati.

The Shire also informs, in compliance with *Section 5.55 of the Act*, that the Annual Report for 2022-2023 is available for viewing. Hard copies are accessible at Shire libraries, the Shire Administration Office, and online on the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands website at [www.shire.cc](http://www.shire.cc).

For any complex questions requiring research, kindly submit them at least seven days before the meeting to ensure adequate time for preparation.

However, completed form can be submitted to a Shire Officer at the meeting or on-the-spot inquiries.

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be posted on the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands website at least five days before the meeting.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ibrahim Macrae the Shire's Manager Governance, Risk and Planning on (08) 9162 6649 or email [ibrahim.macrae@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ibrahim.macrae@cocos.wa.gov.au).

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Statutory Advertisement

### Notis Miting Annual General Electors

Selaras dengan *Section 5.27 Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CKI)* mitingan general electors Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling) akan diadakan sekali setiap tahun keuangan.

Miting seterusnya dijadualkan pada hari Rabu, 17 hari bulan January 2024, mulai jam 4 petang, di Home Island Council Chamber, Lot 256 Jalan Bunga Melati.

Konsel juga ingin kasitau, selaras dengan *Section 5.55 of the Act*, Annual Report untuk 2022-2023 tersedia untuk dilihat. Salinannya boleh didapati di libraries Konsel, Opis Konsel, dan di website Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling) di [www.shire.cc](http://www.shire.cc).

Untuk sebarang pertanyaan yang memerlukan penyelidikan, harap kirimkan setidaknya tujuh hari sebelum miting untuk memastikan masa yang cukup untuk persediaan.

Walau bagaimanapun, form yang sudah diisi boleh diserahkan kepada pekerja Konsel semasa miting atau pertanyaan di tempat.

Agenda untuk Miting Annual General akan disiarkan di website Konsel Pulu Cocos (Keeling) sekurang-kurangnya lima hari sebelum miting.

Sekiranya anda mempunyai sebarang pertanyaan, sila hubungi Ibrahim Macrae, Manager Governance, Risk and Planning Konsel dinomor (08) 9162 6649 atau emel [Ibrahim.macrae@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:Ibrahim.macrae@cocos.wa.gov.au).

Ibrahim Macrae  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### Term 4 Program 2023

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.30am - 10.00am	Let's Bake!	West Island - School, Home & Ec.
TUESDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	4.30pm - 5.30pm	GIANT Games	Home Island - Cyclone Shelter
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	3.30pm - 4.30pm	GIANT Games	West Island - Basketball Courts
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm	Let's Make Ice - Cream!	Home Island - Cyclone Shelter
FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Tennis	West Island - Tennis Courts
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm	Games and socialise	Home Island - Youth Centre
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Basketball	West Island - Basketball Courts
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Volleyball	Home Island - Volleyball Courts

Permission slips and details of activities can be obtained by contacting Nadya at the Shire Office on 91626649 or email [nadya.adim@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:nadya.adim@cocos.wa.gov.au)



## CRC Xmas Market Day - 2nd December 2023

On the lively and cheerful morning of December 2nd, our community gathered for our monthly market day, transforming a regular Saturday into a bustling celebration of local talent and creativity. From the rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee to the vibrant hues of homemade earrings, the market boasted an array of stalls that catered to every taste and preference. Let's take a stroll through exploring the diverse offerings that made this day truly memorable.

### The Coffee Corner:

The day kicked off with the tantalising aroma of freshly ground coffee beans wafting through the air, courtesy of Salty's Cafe. Caffeine enthusiasts were treated to a delightful selection of brews, from velvety lattes to robust espressos, providing the perfect pick-me-up for visitors eager to explore the rest of the market.

### Homemade Elegance:

Pearl and Herbie's handcrafted earrings stole the spotlight. Local artisans showcased their talent, offering an impressive assortment of unique and stylish earrings. Visitors were drawn to the intricacy of the designs, each piece telling a story of creativity and passion.

### A Lolly Wonderland:

For those with a sweet tooth, Olive and Flora provided a colorful paradise of treats. From nostalgic childhood favorites to gourmet confections, the options were endless, creating an irresistible temptation for both young and old alike.

### Building Memories with Lego and Toys:

Jimmy and Louis dedicated their stall to Lego and toys. From Legos to classic toys that sparked nostalgia, this stall was a haven for those seeking to add a touch of whimsy to their lives.

### Plants and Macramé Hangers:

Amy provided nature enthusiasts with lush greenery and intricate macramé hangers. Visitors had the opportunity to bring a piece of nature into their homes. The delicate craftsmanship of macramé hangers added a touch of bohemian elegance to the botanical haven.

### Marine Marvels:

A unique stall dedicated to the Director of National Parks captured the attention of conservationists and marine enthusiasts alike. With the displayed educational and interactive activities that allowed visitors to learn about the importance of marine conservation and how they could contribute to protecting our oceans.

### Pre-loved:

The allure of second-hand treasures drew a crowd to a stall overflowing with carefully curated clothing and accessories, discovering hidden gems and sustainable style statements.

### Beanie Lovers:

Thanks to Amali's cozy beanie stall, it provided the final touches to complement Cocos trade winds and breezy nights.

### Indulging in Chocolate Cocos Roughs, Jewelry and Hair Feathers Extravagansa:

Chocoholics were in for a treat at a decadent stall featuring chocolate roughs. Anna and Amba showcased their craftsmanship with an array of exquisite pieces from delicate hair feathers to bold statement rings, visitors had the chance to find the perfect accessory to complement their style.

December 2nd was not just a market day; it was a celebration of community, creativity, and diverse passions. From the aroma of coffees to the intricate designs of handmade rings and earrings, each stall contributed to the vibrant tapestry of our local market. As we left with bags filled with unique finds and hearts brimming with joy, the memories of this market day will undoubtedly linger, a testament to the magic that unfolds when a community comes together to celebrate its talents and treasures.

Special thanks to the Cocos Club for the trestle tables and stall holders for making it happen!



Please cut out and stick on your fridge or near your phone, so you know what to do in an emergency



## What to do in a medical emergency after hours on Home Island

Call the nurse on call: **08 6102 8655**

Radio the nurse on call: **channel 24**

If you don't have access to a phone or radio,  
please attend the clinic and use the radio at the  
front door.

Please don't attend nurses houses or private message  
via social media.



## What to do in a medical emergency after hours on West Island

Call the nurse on call: **08 6102 5224**

Radio the nurse on call: **channel 24**

If you don't have access to a phone or radio,  
please attend the clinic and use the radio at the  
front door.

Please don't attend nurses houses or private message  
via social media.



Silahkan potong dan melengketkan di esbok atau disamping talipun anda, supaya anda tau apa yang harus dibuat dalam keadaan emerjensi.



## Apa yang harus dibuat dalam keadaan emerjensi medical selepas masa kerjaan di Home Island



Hubungi nurse on-call: **08 6102 8655**

Radio nurse on-call: **channel 24**

Kalau anda tidak mempunyai talipun ataupun radio, silah pergi ke klinik dan gunakan radio yang didepan pintu.

Tolong jangan datang kerumah nurse atau berhubung melalui social media.



### Representing Cocos Keeling Islands in Parliament

**A message from Senator  
Malarndirri McCarthy**

Your Labor Senator for  
Cocos Keeling Islands

As your representative in the Australian Parliament, I want to make sure your voices are heard on the issues that matter to you and your community.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office if I can be of any assistance.



Authorised by Malarndirri McCarthy, ALP,  
38 Mitchell Street, Darwin NT 0800

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Department of Transport

# New hire car stickers in the Indian Ocean Territories



**From 1 February 2024**, hire cars and peer-to-peer rental vehicles with ‘3G Hire-and-Drive-Yourself’ third party insurance **MUST** display the new hire car registration sticker.

New hire car registration stickers have been designed to clearly identify vehicles for hire in the Indian Ocean Territories that are covered by ‘3G Hire-and-Drive-Yourself’ third party insurance.

The new sticker includes a red strip at the bottom with the words ‘HIRE CAR’, as well as the year of issue, expiry date and registration number.

If the vehicle does not display the new sticker, it must not be used as a hire car.

The driver and/or registered owner of a hire car or peer-to-peer rental vehicle (individuals rent their privately-owned vehicles on an hourly or daily basis) without ‘3G Hire-and-Drive-Yourself’ third party insurance that is involved in a crash may be liable for the cost of any personal injury claims made to the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA).

For more information about the new hire car registration stickers, please contact the **Motor Vehicle Registry** on **9162 6649**.

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## R8129 – Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airfield Upgrade

### PROJECT UPDATE – DECEMBER 2023

Following Parliamentary expediency in March 2023 and confirmation the project is proceeding to Delivery Phase, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airfield Upgrade project team has been undertaking final preparations for construction to begin in 2024.

In early February 2024, the project team will be visiting CKI to host information sessions and provide the community with an update on employment and local business opportunities, and the scope and timing of construction activities.

Further details about the briefings will be provided to the community in January 2024.

#### Contact the Team

In the meantime, if you would like to contact the project team please email:

[CKI.airfield.upgrade@aecom.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:CKI.airfield.upgrade@aecom.onmicrosoft.com)

### BERITA PROJECT – DECEMBER 2023

Mengikuti kesesuaian Parliamentary pada March 2023 dan pengesahan projek ini dilanjutkan ke Pelaksanaan Kerja, kumpulan projek Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airfield Upgrade telah menjalankan persiapan akhir untuk pembangunan dimulakan pada 2024.

Pada awal February 2024, kumpulan projek akan melawati CKI untuk mengadakan sesi keterangan dan berikan berita kepada masyarakat mengenai peluang-peluang pekerjaan dan bisnis tempatan, dan skop dan masa aktiviti pembangunan.

Keterangan selanjutnya tentang majlis keterangan ini akan diberikan kepada masyarakat pada January 2024.

#### Hubungi kumpulan ini

Pada masa ini, kalau anda ingin menghubungi kumpulan projek ini silah email:

[CKI.airfield.upgrade@aecom.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:CKI.airfield.upgrade@aecom.onmicrosoft.com)



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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

## **ILLEGAL DUMPING OF WASTE**

Effective and appropriate waste management is fundamental to the liveability of Cocos (Keeling) Islands now and into the future.

All residents and businesses should be aware that the illegal dumping of waste is an offence against the *Environmental Protection Act 1986(WA)(CKI)*. On conviction, this offence carries a maximum penalty of \$125,000 for a company and \$62,500 for an individual.

**Anyone who witnesses, or has information about illegal dumping is asked to call the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782, your call can be anonymous if you would prefer, or email [pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au)**

## **PEMBUANGAN SAMPAH TANPA IZIN**

Pengurusan sampah yang berkesan dan tepat merupakan hal yang diperlukan untuk kelayakan hidup ke Pulu Cocos (Keeling) sekarang dan masa yang akan datang.

Semua penduduk dan bisnis-bisnis harus sadar bahawa pembuangan sampah tanpa izin adalah satu kesalahan terhadap *Environmental Protection Act 1986(WA)(CKI)*. Jika terdapat bersalah, kesalahan ini membawa hukuman maksimum \$125,000 untuk komani dan \$62,500 untuk seorang.

**Sesiapa yang menyaksikan, atau ada informasi tentang pembuangan tanpa izin diminta menghubungi Pollution Watch Hotline di 1300 784 782, panggilan anda boleh tanpa nama kalau anda mau, atau emel [pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au)**

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## Electrical safety this summer

May your Christmas be merry and bright (with lights) thanks to Building and Energy's Safe Summer Tips.

Xmas lights are popular with many Cocos families. Keep safe - damaged or incorrectly used lights can cause electric shocks and fires.

- Check lights carefully before using them, especially if they've been packed away.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
  - Are they for indoors or outdoors?
    - The difference? Outdoor lights must have an ingress protection (IP) or weatherproof rating.
- Always switching your lights off before going to bed and when you leave the house.

If you buy lights or other electrical equipment from overseas:

- Make sure they meet Australian standards and have a “triangle and tick” symbol.
- The plug pins should also have an insulation layer that covers at least half the pin length.
  - This protects you if the plug is not fully pushed into the socket outlet.



The Summer holidays are popular for home projects too. Here are our tips:

- Are you a licenced electrician? No? Then doing your own electrical work is illegal and extremely dangerous. Don't do it!
- If you, or a worker, need to get into the roof space of your house, always turn the mains power off before entering.
  - Damaged insulation and exposed live parts have caused electric shocks and electrocution. People have been injured or killed.
- If you use something that needs a lithium-ion battery (scooters, hand tools etc)
  - Don't mix and match batteries and chargers, even if they fit together.
  - Only use the official equipment supplied for a particular device.
- Batteries that are swollen, that overheat, or are damaged, should never be used.
  - Always dispose of batteries safely.

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## Keselamatan Kilap dimusim panas ini

Semoga hari natal anda bergembira dan terang (dengan lampu) dengan berterima kasih kepada nasihat keselamatan dimusim panas Building and Energy.

Lampu-lampu Xmas sangat laku dengan keluarga-keluarga Cocos. Tetapkan keselamatan – lampu-lampu yang rusak atau salah digunakan boleh menyebabkan shok kilap dan tebakaran.

- Periksa lampu baik2 sebelum digunakan, lagi-lagi kalau bekas disimpan.
- Selalu ikut arahan manufacturer.
  - Apakah lampu itu untuk gunakan dalam rumah atau luaran?
    - Lainnya? Lampu untuk digunakan diluar harus mempunyai lapisan untuk pertahankan bocor atau penilian tahan cuaca. Selalu padamkan/bunu lampu sebelum masuk tidur dan bila keluar rumah.

Kalau anda membeli lampu atau pekakas lain yang memakai kilap dari luar negeri:

- Pastikan mereka menurut standard Australia dan mempunyai gambaran “triangle and tick”.
- Plug pins harus mempunyai lapisan insulation yang menutup sekurang-kurangnya setengah panjangnya pin.
  - Ini menjaga anda kalau plug tidak masuk sepenuhnya kedalam mata pelak.



Cuti musim panas sangat laku untuk projek-projek dirumah juga. Disini adalah nasihat kami:

- Apakah anda tukang kilap yang mempunyai lesen? Tidak? Membuat kerjaan kilap sendiri dilarang dan sangat berbahaya. Jangan dibuat!
- Kalau anda, atau pekerja, perlu untuk masuk kedalam halaman bumbungan rumah anda, selalu bunu mains kilap dahulu sebelum masuk.
  - Insulation yang rusak dan kawat terbuka yang hidup boleh menyebabkan shok kilap dan kenak elektrik. Orang-orang pernah terluka atau terbunuh.
- Kalau anda melihat sesuatu yang memerlukan bateri lithium-ion (skooters, pekakas tangan, dan sebagainya)
  - Jangan gunakan batteri dan charger campor-menyampor, walaupun sama muatnya.
  - Hanya gunakan pekakas khas yang disediakan dengan pekakasnya.
- Batteri yang gelembung, yang panas, atau rusak, harus tidak pernah digunakan.
  - Selalu membuang batteri dengan selamat.

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## Will you have Christmas cheer - or a big debt next year?

Christmas ads and other promotions are everywhere. There are many 'special deals' on electricals, household goods, clothing, footwear and accessories, and it's very easy to be tempted to spend your money.

Even though the cost of living is increasing, recent reports say many of us will still spend over \$1,000 on Christmas presents and a further \$370 at the post-Christmas sales.

The Moneysmart site has advice to help us manage our money. It suggests we:

- Stick to a strict budget, and.
- Think very carefully before signing up to a 'buy now, pay later' scheme.
  - These schemes are easy, fast and very popular at Christmas, however:
    - The more you buy, the higher the repayments will be.
    - There are often late payments and account-keeping fees which add to the cost.
  - Make sure the payments suit your budget.
  - Think about your other debts before signing up.
  - Link your 'buy now, pay later' account to your debit card, not your credit card.
    - use your own money to avoid getting further in debt and paying interest payments.
  - Set a spending limit – and stick to it.
  - Have only one 'buy now, pay later' account at a time.
  - If you can't make a payment contact your credit provider immediately.

Even if our debts keep mounting, there are still people who can help.

- The National Debt Helpline Phone 1800 007 007 or visit [www.ndh.org.au](http://www.ndh.org.au).
  - 130,000 calls for help were answered last year.
- The Government is boosting access to financial counselling.
  - The big banks and financial services industry (including 'buy now, pay later' and gambling outlets) will be asked to contribute \$30 million over the next three years, to ensure more Australians get the help they need to manage their debts.
- Chat to a Financial Counsellor. Visit the Financial Counsellors' Association of WA (FCAWA) [online](http://www.fcawa.org) at [www.fcawa.org](http://www.fcawa.org)

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## Apakah anda akan mempunyai Hari Natal yang bergembira – atau berhutang besar ditahun datang?

Abertais hari natal dan promosi lain-lain ada keliling. Ada banyak ‘tawaran istimewa’ untuk pekakas kilap, barang-barang rumah, pakaian, sepatu dan alat-alat lain, dan ini membuat sangat gampang untuk menggoda membelanja duit kita.

Walaupun ongkos kehidupan semakin meningkat, laporan kebelakangan ini menunjukkan ramai diantara kita akan membelanja lebih dari \$1,000 terhadap hadiah-hadiah hari natal dan tambahan \$370 terhadap jualan selepas hari natal.

Site Moneysmart mempunyai nasihat untuk membantu kita mengurus duit kita. Ia mencadangkan kita:

- Tetap mengikut budget yang ketat; dan
- Fikirkan baik-baik sebelum menanda-tangan skema ‘buy now, pay later’.
  - Skema ini gampang, cepat dan sangat laku dimasa hari natal, tetapi:
    - Lebih banyak kamu membeli, lebih tinggi pembayarannya.
    - Biasanya ada ongkos tambahan terhadap bayaran yang terlambat dan penyimpanan akaun.
  - Pastikan yang bayarannya sesuai dengan budget anda.
  - Fikirkan tentang hutang lain anda sebelum mendaftar.
  - Kaitkan akaun ‘buy now, pay later’ dengan kad debit anda, bukan kad kredit anda.
    - gunakan duit sendiri anda untuk menghindarkan diri daripada melebihi hutang dan membayar bunganya (interest).
  - Tetapkan batas pembelanjaan – dan ikut penetapan ini.
  - Adakan hanya satu akaun ‘buy now, pay later’ pada satu masa.
  - Kalau anda tidak kesampaian untuk membayar satu pembayarannya, terus hubungi pemberi kredit secepat mungkin.

Walaupun hutang kami semakin menambah, masih ada orang-orang yang boleh membantu.

- National Debt Helpline Talipun 1800 007 007 atau lawati [www.ndh.org.au](http://www.ndh.org.au).
  - 130,000 panggilan untuk bantuan dijawab pada tahun kemarin.
- Kerajaan sedang meningkatkan akses terhadap penasihat kewangan.
  - Bank-bank besar dan bidang serbis kewangan (termasuk ‘buy now, pay later’ dan kedai judi) akan dimintak untuk menumbang \$30 juta dimasa tiga tahun kedepan, untuk memastikan lebih banyak penduduk Australia mendapat bantuan kalau mereka perlu untuk mengurus hutang mereka.
- Bicara dengan Penasihat Kewangan. Lawati Financial Counsellors’ Association of WA (FCAWA) [online](http://www.fcawa.org) di [www.fcawa.org](http://www.fcawa.org)

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## Fighting for the Indian Ocean Territories in Canberra



“I know the challenges facing island communities because I grew up on an island. Whilst there's no quick fixes to supply chain and freight issues, I'll be strongly supporting community-led solutions. I'm also taking the messages I got from islanders about climate change threats and diversifying island economies to all relevant ministers.”

**Marion Scrymgour**

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## Berjuang untuk Indian Ocean Territories di Canberra



“Saya tahu cabaran yang dihadapi oleh masyarakat pulau karena saya dibesarkan di pulau. Walaupun tidak ada pembedolan yang cepat untuk masalah freight, saya akan sangat menyokong penyelesaian yang dipimpin oleh masyarakat. Saya juga menyampaikan pesan yang saya dapatkan dari penduduk pulau tentang ancaman perubahan climate dan mempelbagaikan ekonomi pulau kepada semua menteri yang berkaitan.”

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## Blast From The Past



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IMG\_2697 Cocos Island c1950 CAHS



IMG\_2698 Cocos Island c1950 CAHS



IMG\_2699 Cocos Island c1950 CAHS

Images of the old church taken in 1950's.

The whereabouts is unknown.

Photo Source:  
Cocos As it Was

## Did You Know

The older Malay generation knows this one.

Lonceng - Bell/Lunch time

Back in the days there was a bell, this bell will ring at 12pm signalling that it is lunch time. The word *Lonceng* (lon - chang) is still being used to signify lunch time/break.

## Cocos Malay Dictionary

In addition to the word Lonceng here are some examples of how it is use.

Da lonceng yah - It's lunchtime already

Saya pigi sana abis lonceng - I'm going there after lunch

Sebelum lonceng balek dah - Go home before lunchtime

Melainya abis lonceng - It starts after lunch

Saya tunggu abis lonceng meskali - I'll wait after lunch



## QUOTES

***"And they planned and Allah also planned and Allah is the best of planners"***  
[Quran 3:54]

***"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."***  
- Bernard M. Baruch

***"If Allah wants to do good to somebody, he afflicts him with trials."***  
- Sahih Al Bukhari

***"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."***

***"No matter what your physical appearance, when you have kindness in your heart, You're the most beautiful person in the world."***  
- Mufti Ismail Menk.

***"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."***  
- Oscar Wilde

***"Biar abis uang di petih, asalkan girang di hati"***  
- Tukang Bejalan



## RIDDLES

1. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?
2. What's always found on the ground but never get dirty?
3. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
4. When the water comes down when it rains, I go up. What am I?
5. You can break me easily without touching me or seeing me. What am I?
6. Why is Europe like a frying pan?
7. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?
8. What kind of ship has two mates but no captain?

- Answers**
1. Footsteps
  2. Shadow
  3. Mushroom
  4. An umbrella
  5. A promise
  6. Because it has Greece at the bottom.
  7. Chicago
  8. A relationship

## DIY

### How to Make an Origami Crane?

1. Start by making an origami square base. Begin with your paper colour side up. Fold the paper in half diagonally.
2. Unfold. There should now be a crease in the paper from the diagonal fold.
3. Now fold the paper in half diagonally in the other direction.
4. Unfold the paper. Your square should now have two diagonal creases, forming an "X."
5. Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the paper in half horizontally.
6. Unfold to reveal the new crease from the previous fold. Fold the paper in half vertically. Unfold to reveal the new crease.
7. Bring the top point down to the bottom, while also folding the left and right corners down into the center.
8. You should now have a diamond shape, with a vertical crease running down the center—this is an origami square base.
9. Starting with your square base, make sure the open end is at the bottom. Fold the right lower edge to the central crease.
10. Now follow suit with the left side; fold the left lower edge to the central crease.
11. Fold the top section down.
12. Now unfold the previous three folds.
13. Pull one layer up from the bottom, along the creases you just made.
14. Push the left and right edges inwards. This is called a squash fold—you can see the wing is fully "squashed" into place. Flip the model over to the other side.
15. Repeat the same steps of the squash fold on this side, starting with the lower right fold to the central crease.
16. Now fold the left side to the central crease. Fold the top section down (the smaller triangle) to meet the two folds you just made.
17. Unfold the last three folds you just made. Pull one layer up from the bottom, along the creases you just made.
18. Push the left and right edges inwards to complete the second squash fold.
19. Fold the lower right edge to the central crease. Fold the bottom left corner in the same way, to the crease.
20. Flip the model over. Now fold the entire right lower corner to meet the central crease.
21. Fold the left lower corner to meet the central crease. Fold the lower right flap up, under, and out to the right. Do the same with the left side (the tail).
22. Create a head by flattening the flap, and inside reverse folding a little section down at the top.

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### Across

- 1 Eastern eye makeup
- 5 Toil
- 9 Demonstrate
- 13 Beelike
- 15 Excursion
- 16 City on the Brazos
- 17 "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
- 18 Italian appetizer
- 20 Going in
- 22 Group of five
- 23 Tear
- 24 Ships
- 25 Nimble
- 28 Ski run
- 29 Washerwoman
- 31 Common rhyme scheme
- 35 Advanced degree
- 36 Successful person
- 39 Water cooler
- 40 Killed
- 42 Brain membrane
- 44 Terminated
- 47 Abhor
- 48 Poetic Siegfried
- 51 Withered
- 52 Largest moon of Neptune
- 53 Counterpart
- 57 Before birth
- 59 Feudal lord
- 60 Speaker with forked tongue
- 61 Anecdotal knowledge
- 62 Condescend
- 63 "Show Boat" composer
- 64 Pencil-and-paper game
- 65 Beams

### Down

- 1 Stubby or Danny?
- 2 Unconcealed
- 3 Helpful suggestion
- 4 Not right now
- 5 Get to one's feet
- 6 Yearn
- 7 Not at home
- 8 Bellyaches
- 9 Seaport in West Glamorgan
- 10 Waste maker
- 11 In base 8
- 12 Tiger of golf
- 14 Sea nymphs
- 19 Nuisance
- 21 Preamble
- 24 Eye protector
- 25 Mont Blanc range
- 26 Willie Wonka creator
- 27 Unmannerly
- 28 Sham
- 30 Saxony seaport
- 32 Angler's hope
- 33 Hotshots
- 34 Cowardly Lion portrayer Lahr
- 37 Auto-safety advocate
- 38 Green gem
- 41 Occidental
- 43 Studio
- 45 High time?
- 46 Disney duck
- 48 Pursue stealthily
- 49 Golfer Palmer, to fans
- 50 Shankar's instrument
- 51 Store events
- 53 Fraction
- 54 "Star Wars" princess
- 55 Like custard
- 56 Camera part
- 58 Also

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Crossword Answer

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2	6	3	1	8	9	5	7	4
9	5	4	2	7	3	6	8	1
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Sudoku Solutions

## I Spy Xmas Edition!



i SPY...

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|-----|--|------|--|
| 3 X |  | 7 X  |  |
| 4 X |  | 8 X  |  |
| 1 X |  | 9 X  |  |
| 2 X |  | 10 X |  |
| 5 X |  |      |  |
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## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

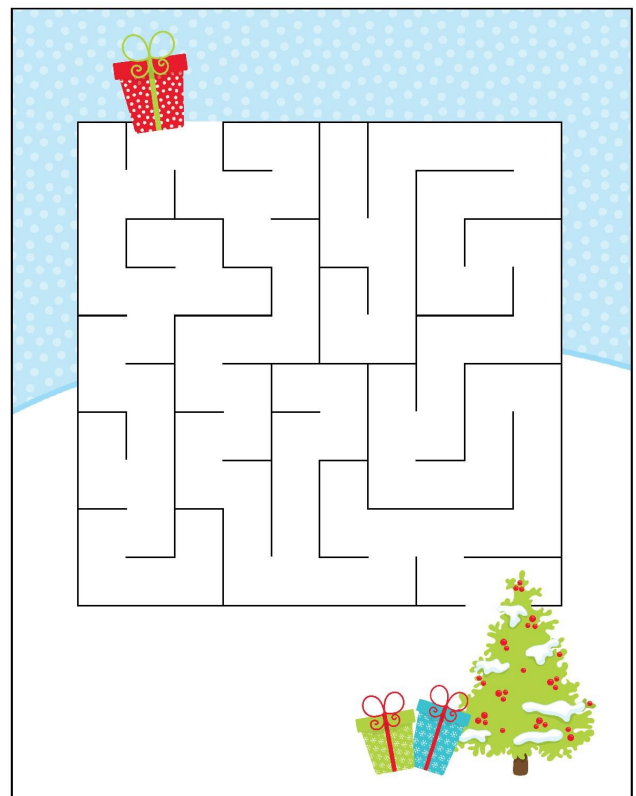


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| Merry   | Snow      | Gather | Grinch   |
| Believe | Hot Cocoa | Gift   | Elf      |
| Cookies | Cheer     | Santa  | Wreath   |
| Jingle  | Jolly     | Sleigh | Stocking |

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Help place the present under the Christmas tree.



## PULU COCOS *Photo Scavenger Hunt*

Take a photo of as many of these items as you can and add up the points. The person with the most point WINS!

<p><b>5 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coconut</li> <li>• Chicken</li> <li>• Shell</li> <li>• Hermit crab</li> <li>• Cat</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Boat</li> <li>• Surf board</li> <li>• Colourful corals</li> <li>• Fishing rod</li> <li>• Someone swimming</li> </ul>
<p><b>15 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shark</li> <li>• Sleeping baby</li> <li>• Sunset</li> <li>• Plane landing</li> <li>• Christmas lights</li> </ul>	<p><b>20 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRC LOGO</li> <li>• Christmas tree</li> <li>• Sunrise</li> <li>• Turtle</li> <li>• Someone Singing</li> </ul>

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## WINTERTIME SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

## CHRISTMAS *Scattergories*

**DIRECTIONS:** CHOOSE A LETTER. START THE TIMER.  
THINK OF AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS THAT START WITH THE LETTER.

1. SOMETHING YOU PUT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE \_\_\_\_\_
2. THINGS YOU'D SERVE WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER \_\_\_\_\_
3. A CHRISTMAS MOVIE \_\_\_\_\_
4. THINGS YOU'D FIND IN SANTA'S SLEIGH \_\_\_\_\_
5. SOMETHING YOU WEAR DURING THE HOLIDAYS \_\_\_\_\_
6. A CHRISTMAS SONG \_\_\_\_\_
7. SOMETHING YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS \_\_\_\_\_
8. SOMETHING YOU'D RE-GIFT \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE BEST THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS \_\_\_\_\_
10. A CHRISTMAS TRADITION \_\_\_\_\_
11. SOMETHING RED \_\_\_\_\_
12. A CHRISTMASSY PLACE \_\_\_\_\_
13. THE WORST THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS \_\_\_\_\_
14. A STOCKING FILLER \_\_\_\_\_

## NAME THE MALAY TREATS



satay      curry puffs      kueh dadar      ketupat      spring rolls

## A Cocos Moment



*Congratulations to Mr Movember 2023 - Jack Clunies-Ross!  
Cocos Islands - Middle of Mo-Where team raised \$4658 for men's health.  
Photo source: Cocos Islands Club*

## Cocos “Feel Good” Stories

Thanks wonderful Cocos community for your support of the 2nd hand clothes stall at the market day last weekend. We raised over \$100 for kids art club to purchase supplies. Special thanks for your help NoraShifah Jason, Cindy McNear , Vikki Lauritsen and Emma Washer

Source: Chloe Skyes - Cocos Buy, Swap, Sell and Community Blackboard

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

*Congratulations Adi and Jannah on your marriage!*

*Happy Birthday Mak Lara*

*Happy 20th Anniversary  
Mak/Pak Madeenah and Mak/Pak Shafeeqah*



*Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries? Drop an email to CRC at [Info@cocosislandscrc.cc](mailto:Info@cocosislandscrc.cc)*

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**2023**

**16 DECEMBER**  
Santa/Carols/Farewell  
Cocos Club

**31 DECEMBER**  
New Years Eve  
Cocos Club

**2024**

**17 JANUARY**  
AGM - Shire of CKI  
Home Island Council Chambers

**26 JANUARY**  
Australia Day

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